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SUBJ: BIO DATA ON NEW LABOR MINISTER

1. AS CONSEQUENCE OF ONGOING DISPUTE BETWEEN LABOR AND GOVERNMENT OVER WAGE INCREASES, MINLABOR RICARDO OTERO RESIGNED JUNE 28 WHEN HIS COUNSEL WAS REJECTED BY PRESIDENT PERON. ON JUNE 30 CECILIO CONDITI, INTERVENTOR OF THE NATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (UTN) WAS NAMED TO REPLACE HIM. FOLLOWING IS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON CONDITI. ADDITIONAL DATA WILL BE FURNISHED IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. IN HIS EARLY SIXTIES, CONDITI IS MARRIED WITH ONE DAUGHTER. HE WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE ARCHITECTURE BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER (MOP) FROM 1930-47; INTERVENTOR OF THE CORDOBA GENRAL LABOR CONFEDERATION (CGT) IN 1947; INTERVENTOR OF THE TEXTILE WORKERS UNION (AOT) FROM 1948-49; INTERVENTOR OF THE GRAPHIC ARTS UNION (FATI) FROM 1949-53; AND RECTOR OF NATIONAL WORKERS UNIVSERITY (UON) 1953-55. AN AVID FOOTBALL FAN, HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (AFA) FROM 1954 TO 1955. AND AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL FEDERATION (FIFA) HEADQUARTERD IN BRUSSELS IN 1955. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, HE WAS ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES IN 1949, AND ALSO SERVED ABROAD AS A LABOR ATTACHE FOR SOME TIME DURING PERONS FIRST PRESIDENCY.

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3. INFORMATION ON HIS ACTIVITIES FROM 1955 TO 1973 IS PRESENTLY UNAVAILABLE. HE WAS NAMED INTERVENTOR OF TEXTILE FROM LA BERNALESA LIBERADA FOLLOWING THE ASSUMPTION OF THE PERONIST GOVERNMENT IN 1973. IN NOVEMBER 1974 HE WAS NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE UTN, AND INTERVENTOR OF THAT INSTITUTION IN APRIL 1975.

4. A NON-PERONIST EX-LABOR LEADER OF FATI WHO KNEW CONDITI WELL DURING HIS INTERVENTION OF UNION GAVE LABATT FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF HIS PERSONAL TRAITS: HE IS AN ADVENTURER, WITHOUT SCRUPLES, OBSEQUIOUS TO REGIME, A SHARPY, A TEN PERCENTER WITH AN INTUITIVE ABILITY TO ALWAYS BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE WHENEVER PROBLEMS ARISE. GIVEN INFORMANTS DISLIKE FOR CONDITI, ABOVE MUST BE CONSIDERED HIGHLY TENTATIVE AND BIASED DESCRIPTION.

5. CONDITI IS UNDOUBTEDLY LOPEZ REGA MAN. UNDER HIM MINISTRY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY UNDERGO DRASTIC CHANGE IN APPROACHES TO GOVERNMENT-LABOR RELATIONS FROM THAT UNDER HIGHLY EMOTIONAL PRO-LABOR MINISTER OTERO.
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